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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY
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HOME ASSIGNMENT

M.A. in Political Science

Semester - I (Session: 2025-26 (January))

Guidelines for Submission:

1. Learners who have been admitted in the Academic Session (2025-26 (January)) will write the Home Assignment.
2. Learners should write their **Roll Number, GU Registration Number, Subject, Semester, Paper Title, Paper Code** and **Name of the Study Center** clearly on the first page of the answer script in the space provided.
3. The formats of the answer scripts are available at, and can be downloaded from, the GUCDOE website (www.gucdoe.in).
4. There will be 2 (two) compulsory questions in each paper, and each question will have options (Total Marks: 2 questions × 10 marks= 20 marks).
5. **Typed/Computerized answers will not be accepted.** Learners will write the answers neatly in their own handwriting.
6. Answer to a 10 mark question should not exceed 400 words.
7. Learners should not submit any plagiarized answers as such a practice is deemed to be unfair.
8. Learners of different Study Centers under GUCDOE will mandatorily submit the answer scripts at their respective Study Centers.
9. Learners of GUCDOE center will submit their answer scripts at GUCDOE Office.
10. **Last Date of Submission : 30th April, 2026.**

PAPER: PSC 1016 (WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT)

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Analyse Rousseau's idea that "man is born free, but everywhere he is in chains" in the context of his social contract. **10**

OR

What do you mean by Utilitarianism. Discuss the major elements of Utilitarianism. **10**

Q. No. 2. Explain Mill's central argument in *The Subjection of Women*. How does he justify gender equality? **10**

OR

Examine how Marx uses Dialectical Materialism to explain the evolution of human society and history. **10**

PAPER: PSC 1026 (POLITICAL THOUGHT IN MODERN INDIA)

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Explain Gandhi's concept of Satyagraha. Why Gandhi considered Satyagraha superior to passive resistance? **10**

OR

Explain critically Dadabhai Naoroji's Drain Theory. **10**

Q. No. 2. Analyse Savarkar's view on cultural nationalism. **10**

OR

Critically examine M. A Jinnah's Two Nation Theory. **10**

PAPER: PSC 1036 (International Relations-1)

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. Analyse the nature and scope of international relations.

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OR

How does feminist theory challenge traditional IR perspectives by highlighting the role of gender in shaping global politics and security?

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Q. No. 2. “The Marxist approach to international relations provides a framework for understanding global politics through the lens of class struggle, capitalism and imperialism”. Analyse the statement.

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OR

How does liberalism in International Relations suggest that cooperation between countries can lead to peace and stability?

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PAPER: PSC 1046 (Public Administration I)

Answer the following questions

2 x 10 = 20

Q. No. 1. A System receives inputs from the environment and sends outputs into the environment after the transformation process – critically discuss the Systems Approach to the study of Public Administration.

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OR

Do you think that Communication plays an important role in administrative organization? Discuss in detail the significance of communication in the administrative organization. What are the barriers or the hindrances of effective communication?

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Q. No. 2. Critically examine the different theories of leadership in the field of Public Administration.

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OR

Examine Max Weber’s theory of ideal bureaucracy. What are the various points of criticisms leveled against it?

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